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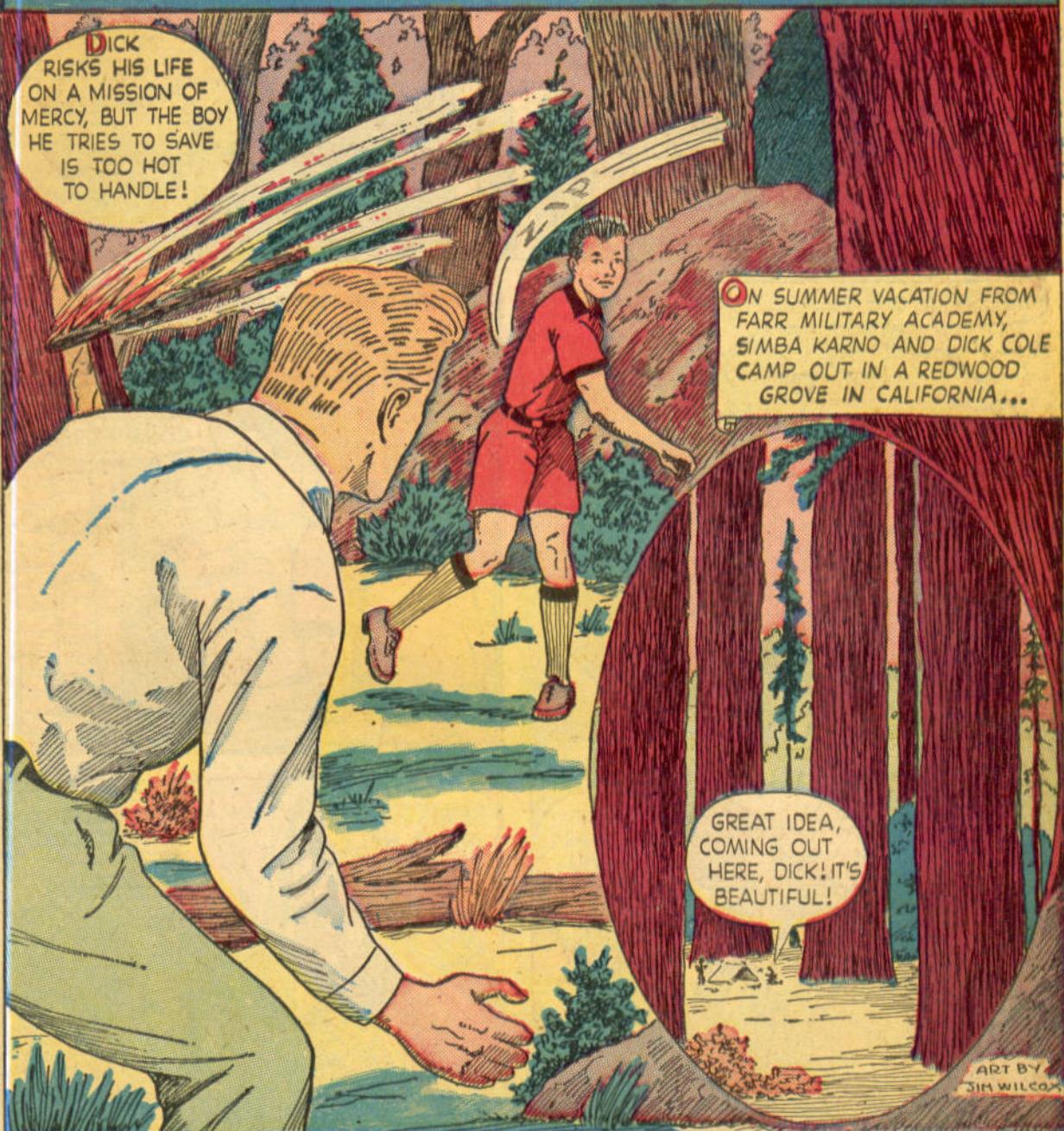
DICK COLE

DICK
RISKS HIS LIFE
ON A MISSION OF
MERCY, BUT THE BOY
HE TRIES TO SAVE
IS TOO HOT
TO HANDLE!

ON SUMMER VACATION FROM
FARR MILITARY ACADEMY,
SIMBA KARNO AND DICK COLE
CAMP OUT IN A REDWOOD
GROVE IN CALIFORNIA...

GREAT IDEA,
COMING OUT
HERE, DICK! IT'S
BEAUTIFUL!

ART BY
JIM WILCOX

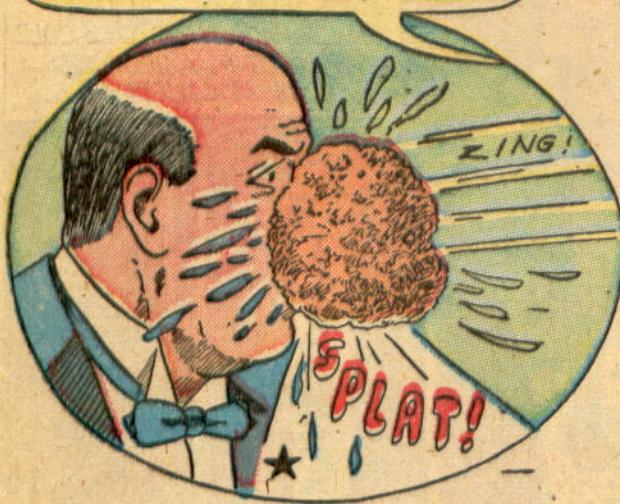


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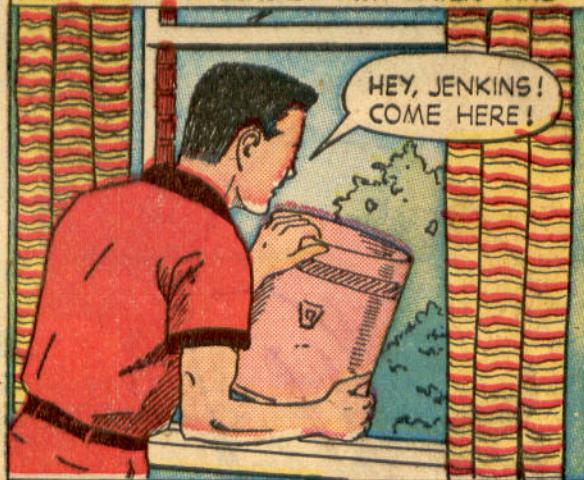
IN A MANSION SEVERAL MILES FROM THE GROVE,
LIVES WEALTHY YOUNG RANDOLPH GRAY...



SO...TAKE ONE YOURSELF, MEADOWS!



AS MEADOWS FLEES FROM THE ROOM, RANDY
FILLS THE WASTEBASKET WITH WATER - AND -



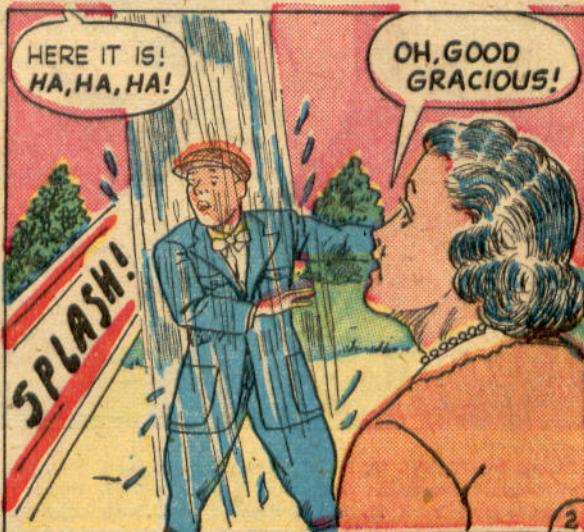
WANT A PONY
RIDE, MASTER RANDY?
I HAVE HIM ALL
READY FOR YOU!

I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
FOR YOU -
COME
HERE!



HERE IT IS!
HA, HA, HA!

OH, GOOD
GRACIOUS!



MRS. GRAY, YA OUGHTA CLAMP DOWN ON THAT BOY BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING SERIOUS!

OR BEFORE I BREAK HIS NECK!

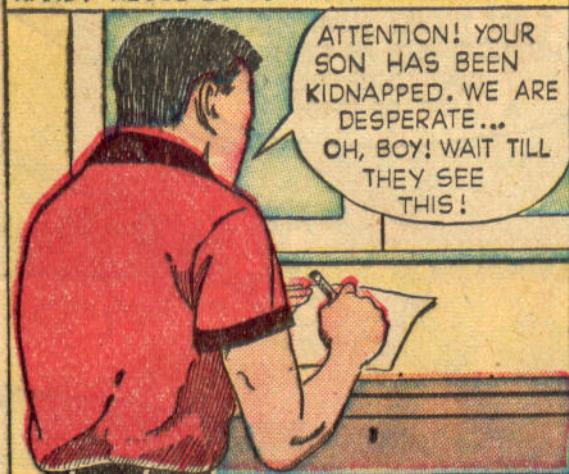
NONSENSE!

WE MUST ALL HUMOR MASTER RANDY'S LITTLE WHIMS. HE'S SUCH A DEAR, NERVOUS, SENSITIVE BOY!



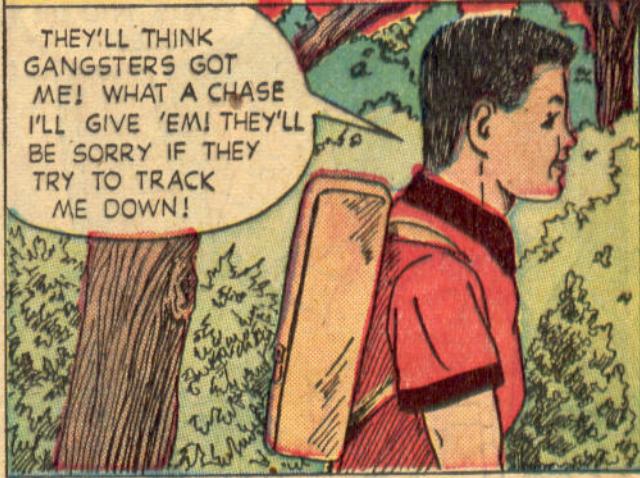
AND UPSTAIRS, BORED WITH MINOR PRANKS, RANDY RESOLVES TO CREATE A STIR...

ATTENTION! YOUR SON HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED. WE ARE DESPERATE... OH, BOY! WAIT TILL THEY SEE THIS!



LEAVING THE NOTE ON HIS DESK, RANDY SNEAKS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND AWAY-

THEY'LL THINK GANGSTERS GOT ME! WHAT A CHASE I'LL GIVE 'EM! THEY'LL BE SORRY IF THEY TRY TO TRACK ME DOWN!



MEANWHILE, THE "KIDNAP" NOTE HAS BEEN FOUND AND THE POLICE SUMMONED.

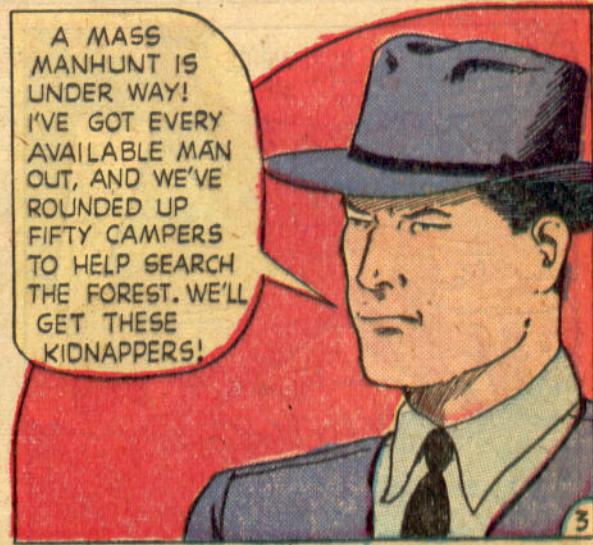
OH, MY POOR, HELPLESS, LITTLE BOY!

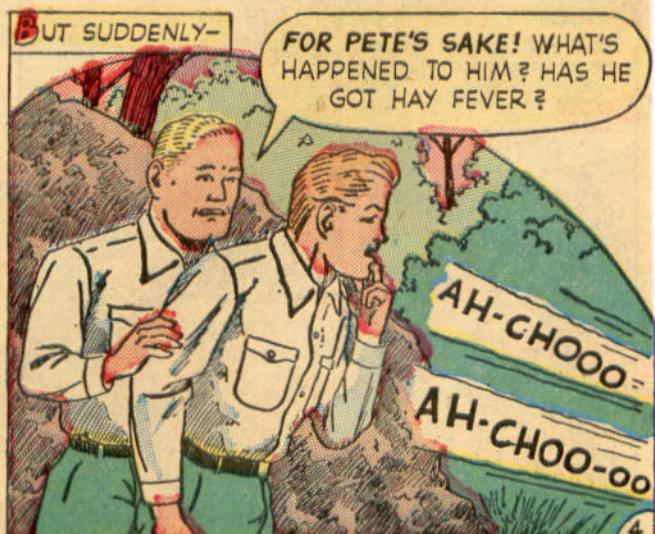
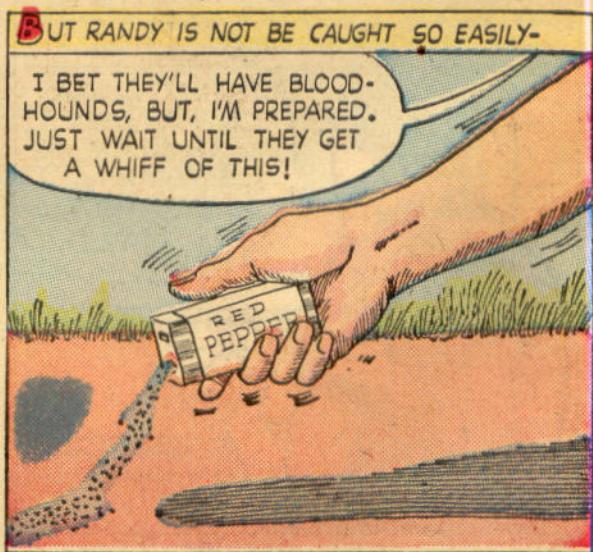
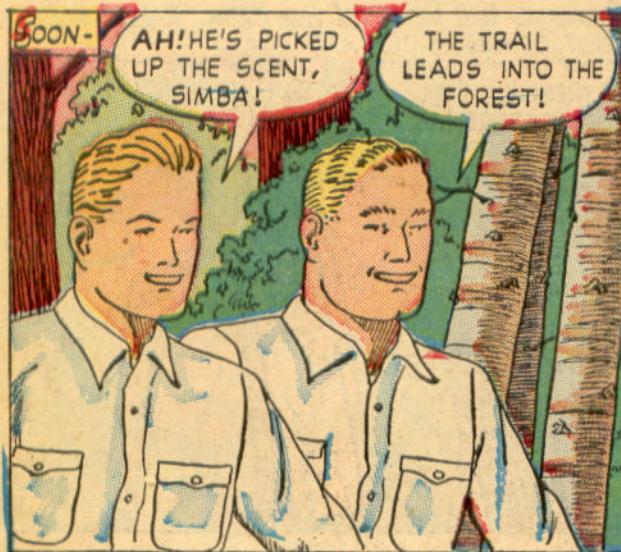
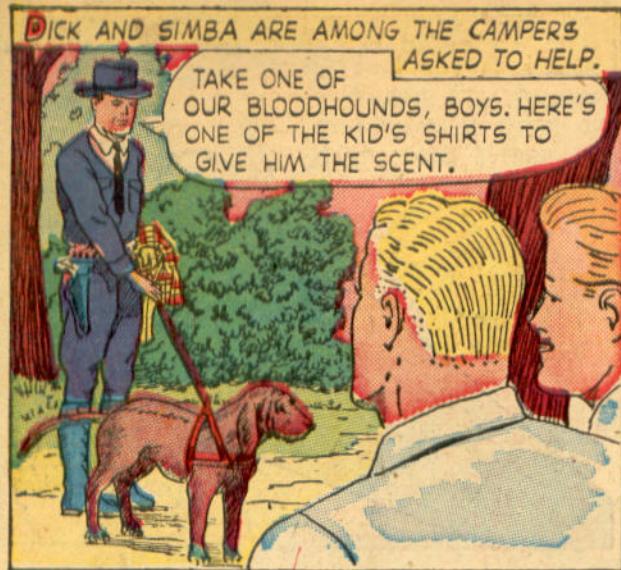
THE POLICE ARE DOING THEIR BEST, DEAR.

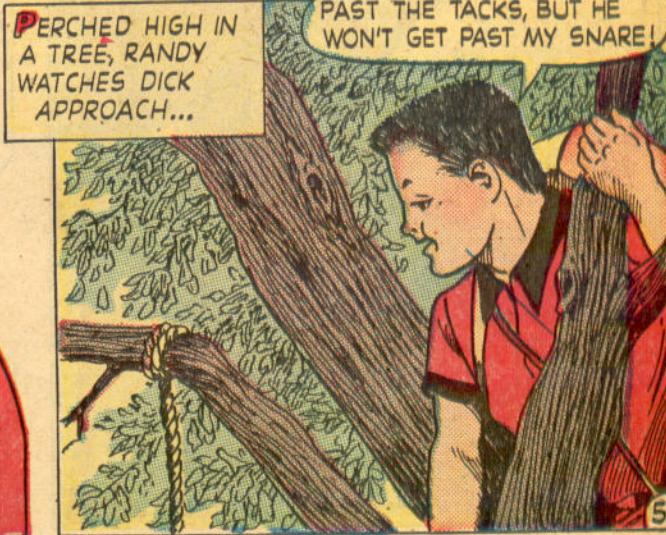
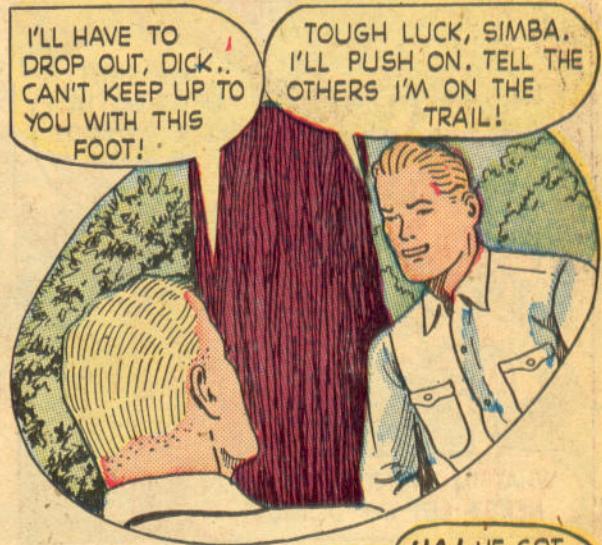
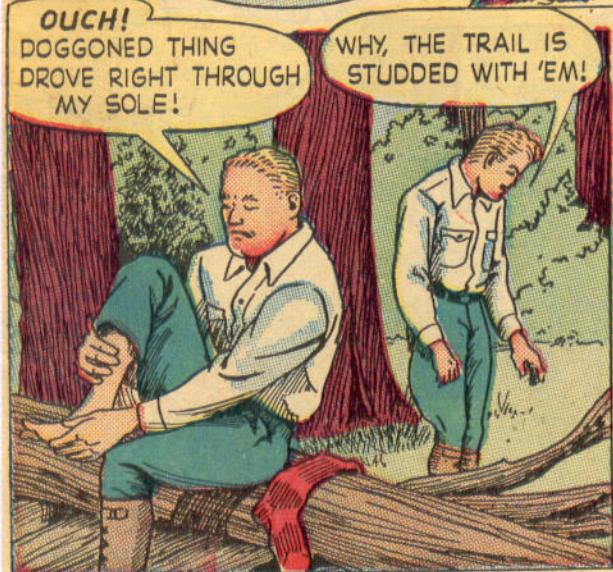
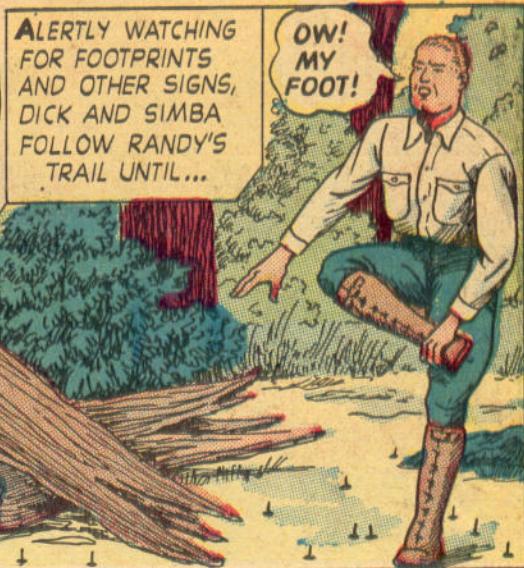
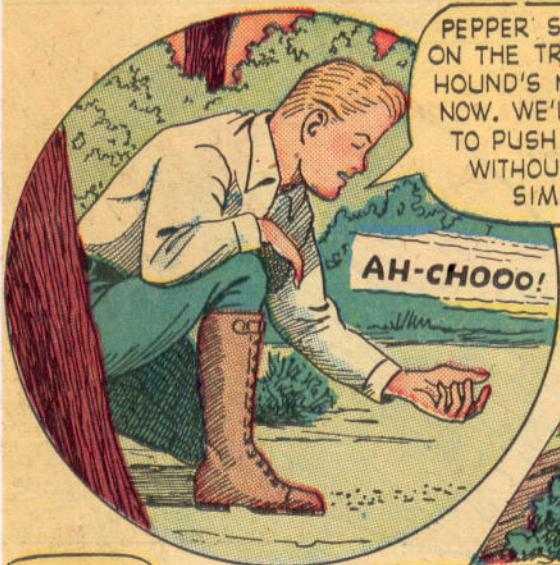
THAT'S RIGHT, MA'AM.



A MASS MANHUNT IS UNDER WAY! I'VE GOT EVERY AVAILABLE MAN OUT, AND WE'VE ROUNDED UP FIFTY CAMPERS TO HELP SEARCH THE FOREST. WE'LL GET THESE KIDNAPPERS!



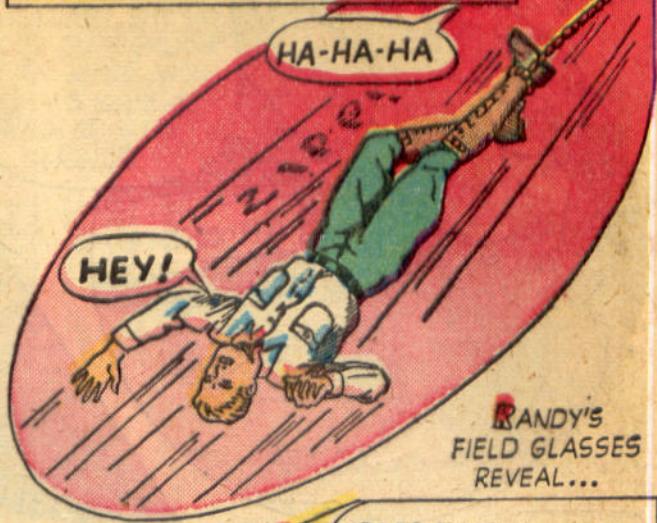




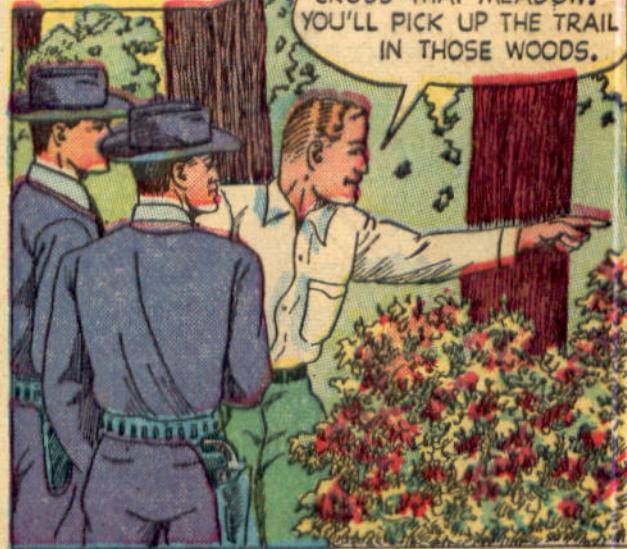
DICK STEPS INTO THE SNARE—AND...



IS SUDDENLY SNATCHED INTO THE AIR!



RANDY'S
FIELD GLASSES
REVEAL...



A 2 No! The Sequoia gigantea are the largest—sometimes confused with the smaller Redwoods.

BUT RANDY HAS OVERLOOKED THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND! A STRONG BREEZE FANS THE FLAMES INTO THE WOODS!



GOSH! I'VE STARTED A FOREST FIRE!



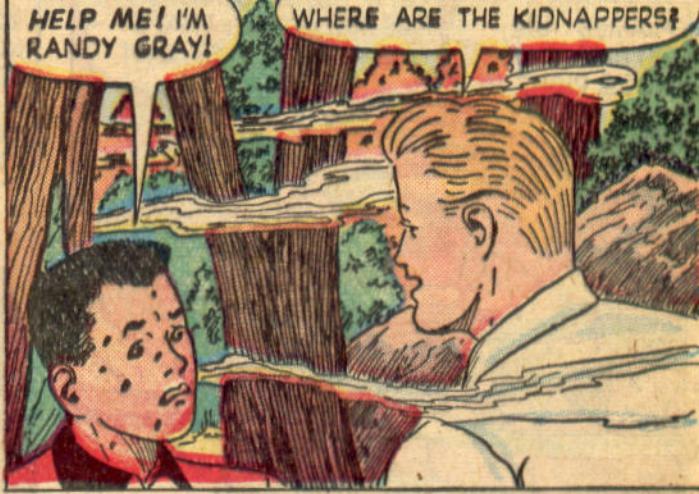
RANDY CASTS HIS KNAPSACK ASIDE AND RUNS!

MEANWHILE, DICK'S TRAINING AS A GYMNAST COMES IN VERY HANDY.



THUD!

IN HIS PANIC, RANDY RUNS IN A CIRCLE UNTIL...

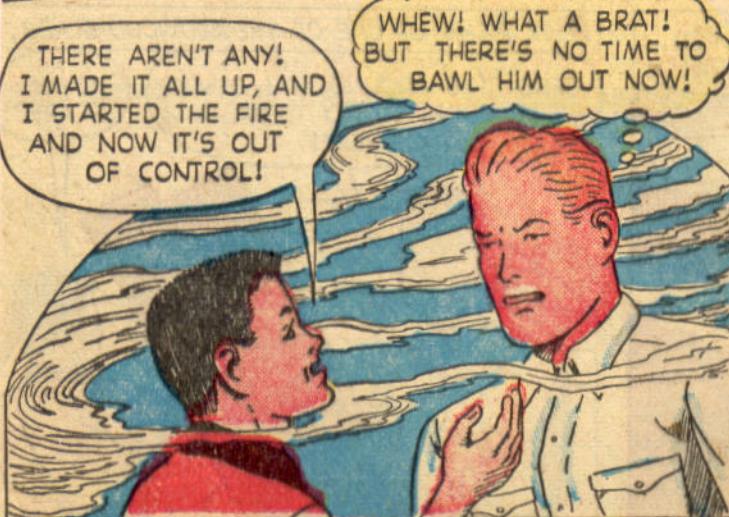


HELP ME! I'M RANDY GRAY!

WHERE ARE THE KIDNAPPERS?

THERE AREN'T ANY! I MADE IT ALL UP, AND I STARTED THE FIRE AND NOW IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!

WHEW! WHAT A BRAT! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO BAWL HIM OUT NOW!

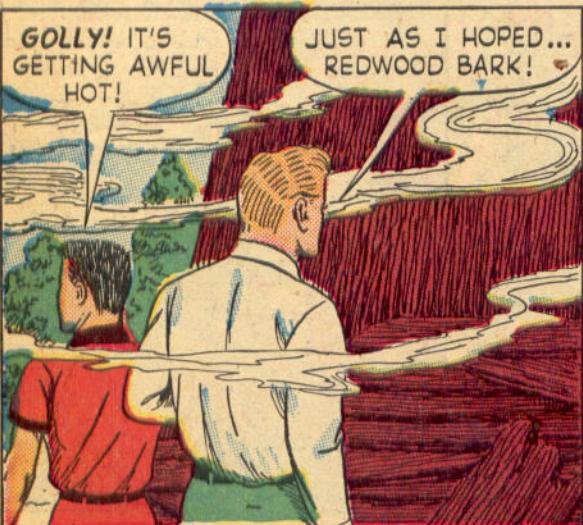
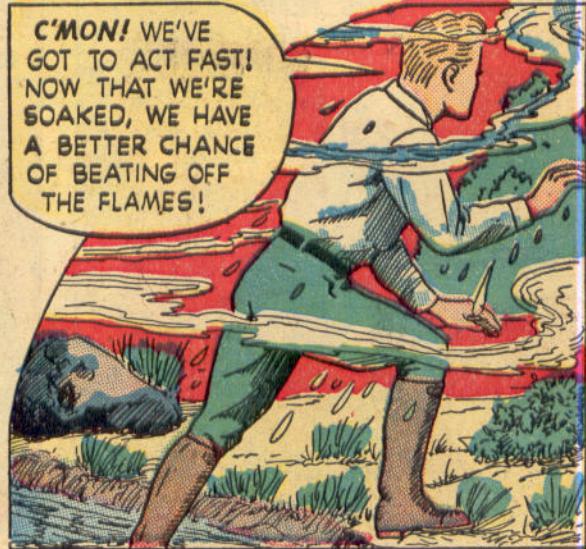
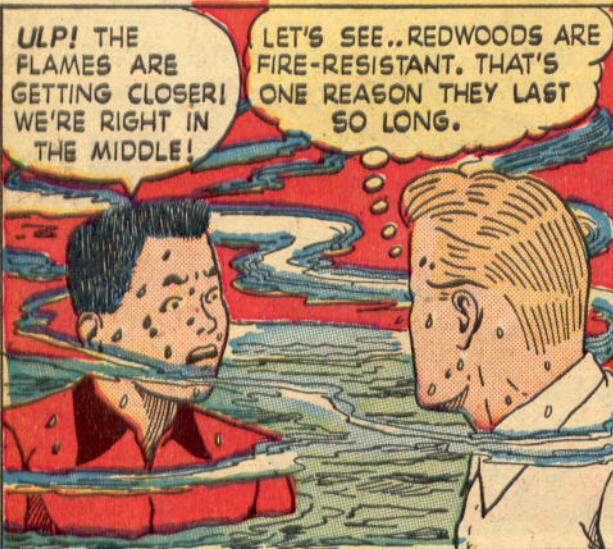
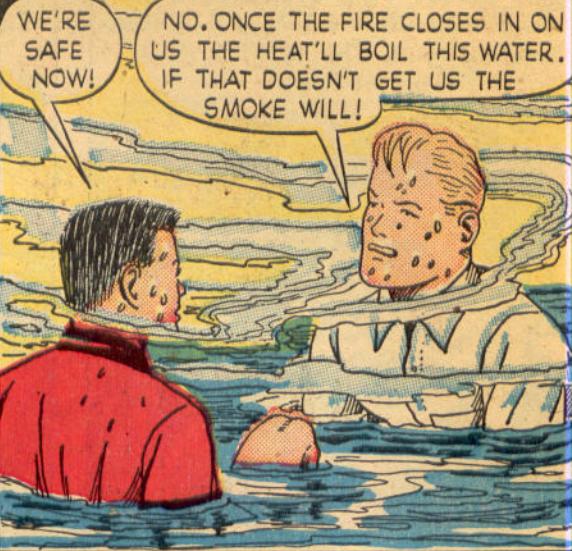


THERE'S FIRE ALL AROUND! WHAT'LL WE DO?

HEAD FOR THE OLD LUMBER MILL AHEAD. I THINK THERE'S A STREAM THERE.



GASPING FOR BREATH, THEY REACH THE STREAM..

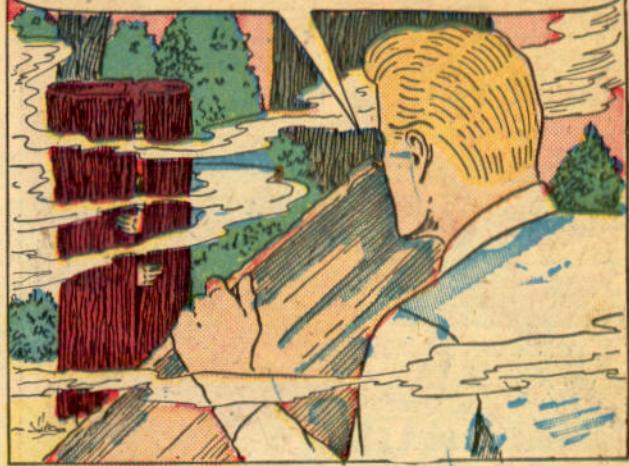


A 3 It's 272.4' tall and 36.5' in diameter at its base.

DON'T PULL ANY TANTRUMS ON ME! HOLD THIS IN PLACE, AND KEEP YOUR NERVE!

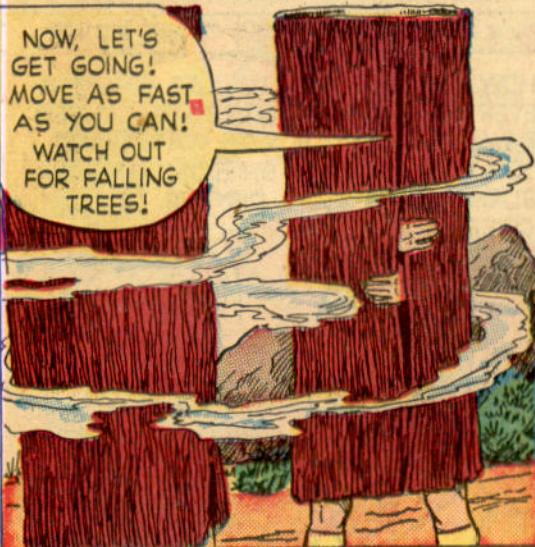
Y-YES, SIR!

WE'VE GOT A SLIM CHANCE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BELT OF FIRE, RANDY. THIS BARK SHOULD SHIELD US FROM THE FIRE AND HEAT!



NOW, LET'S GET GOING!
MOVE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
WATCH OUT FOR FALLING TREES!

DESPERATELY, THE BOYS PLUNGE INTO THE INFERNO!

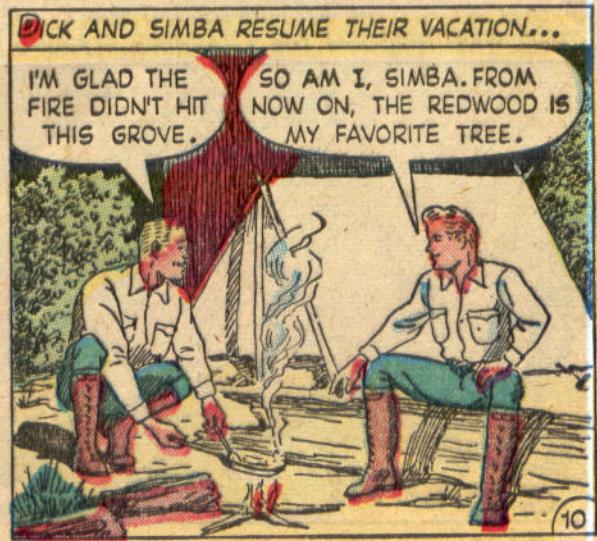
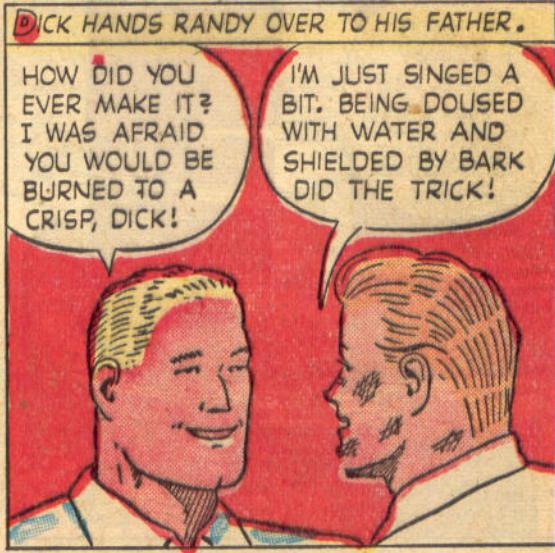
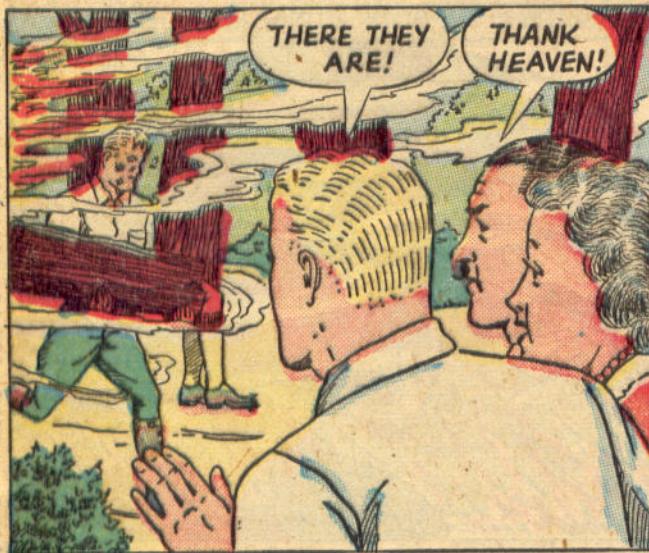
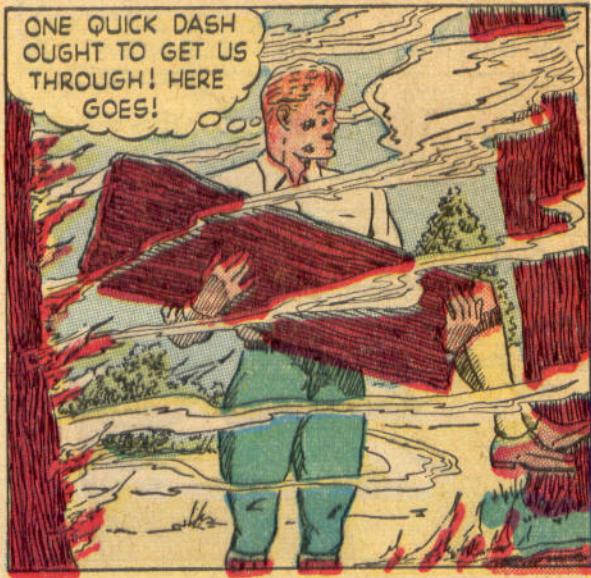


PROTECTED BY THE FIRE-RESISTANT BARK, THEY PICK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CRASHING, FLAMING FOREST!

(COUGH!) OH ... THE SMOKE! (KOFF-KOFF!) AND IT'S SO HOT! I'M GETTIN' DIZZY!



Q 4 What great Italian poet wrote "The Divine Comedy," a classic poem about an inferno?



BLUE BOLT FLASHES

THE EDITORS WRITE:

What makes Americans such "all-around" people?

Well, we can easily see that our country offers a great many good influences toward the moulding of character and personality. Just look at the educational opportunities in America. With good education, a high standard of living, and the chance for competitive sports, why shouldn't we grow into well-rounded adults and good citizens?

What makes America such a great country?

That's easy to answer—the people do. We carry our early training into the adult world. Then we use the natural resources that this country possesses. What country, confronted with a crisis such as the recent world war, could have mobilized and converted in such rapid fashion! The whole world was amazed! It was all possible, basically because of the people.

We feel that Dick Cole, Edison Bell, and Blue Bolt are typically American, and we know you are. So play well during these remaining days of summer vacation so that you may be relaxed and ready to buckle down to some serious studying in the coming school year.

We hope you find Blue Bolt as interesting as the previous issues.

THE READERS WRITE:

Dear Editors:

I work at a newsstand and I sell many different types of magazines, but the minute we receive BLUE BOLT comics we are swamped with customers. I wish to congratulate you on your fine work. We are more than proud to sell this fine magazine to our customers.

Yours truly,
Louis Ferrero
Portland, Oregon

Dear Editors:
I have long been a follower of BLUE BOLT, and I personally think that it is one of the best on the newsstands. Your stories are interesting and not as far-fetched as most other publications. The illustrations are perfect and not eye-straining. I only hope that you continue to give us such wholesome entertainment.

Yours truly,
Samuel Majarian
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Dear Editors:
I have just finished your May-June issue of BLUE BOLT. I have read your book for many years and find it very amusing. I find it to be one of the main books I read. The May-June issue doesn't have "Edison Bell" in it. I like "Edison Bell" very much, and I like to make the things that are shown after each story. I have made the seascope and the turkey call. I didn't know what I was

missing when I didn't make them all.

I sincerely wish and hope that you will continue your good work. Keep your faithful readers happy.

Yours truly,
Saylor Leighton
Buena Vista, Virginia

Dear Editors:
I have read many comics. In fact, reading comics is my hobby. Of all the comics I have read I choose BLUE BOLT as my favorite. "Edison Bell" is my first favorite story. He has very magnificent ideas, and as far as inventions are concerned he surely is super.

The "Questions and Answers" are my next favorite because they are extremely educational and very interesting. They helped me in school many a time. Last but not least, I like "Dick Cole." He is excellent.

So please continue publishing your swell comic. This means so much to me, and I'm sure they are enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully yours,
Patricia McNulty
Brooklyn 20, New York

Dear Editors:
BLUE BOLT is the first comic I look for when I go to my favorite newsstand because it is the best comic on sale for me.

One thing I like about "Dick Cole" is that it is always based on some sport and there aren't many girls in the stories.

Another thing I like is the "Questions and Answers." They help in school and other places.

Some of my friends also like BLUE BOLT comic books.

Yours truly,
Richard Dzinbanek
Thompsonville, Michigan

Dear Editors:
I think BLUE BOLT comics is super. I think the "Questions and Answers" on the bottom of the pages are a swell idea, and they are very interesting. The only thing wrong with this comic book is that some of the stories are too short. Otherwise, I think that it is one of the best comics ever published. I enjoy reading BLUE BOLT very much.

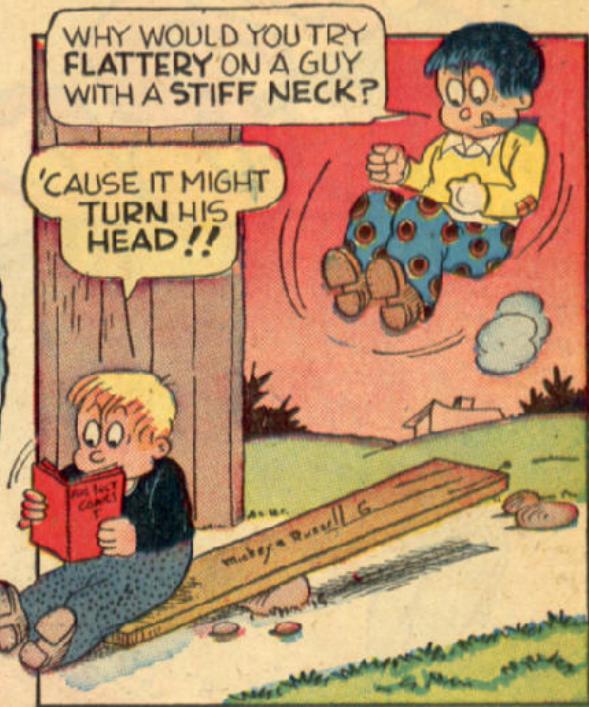
Yours truly,
Norma Kaufman
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Editors:
I have read many comics but none can compare to BLUE BOLT. It's not like some of the silly comics you see today.

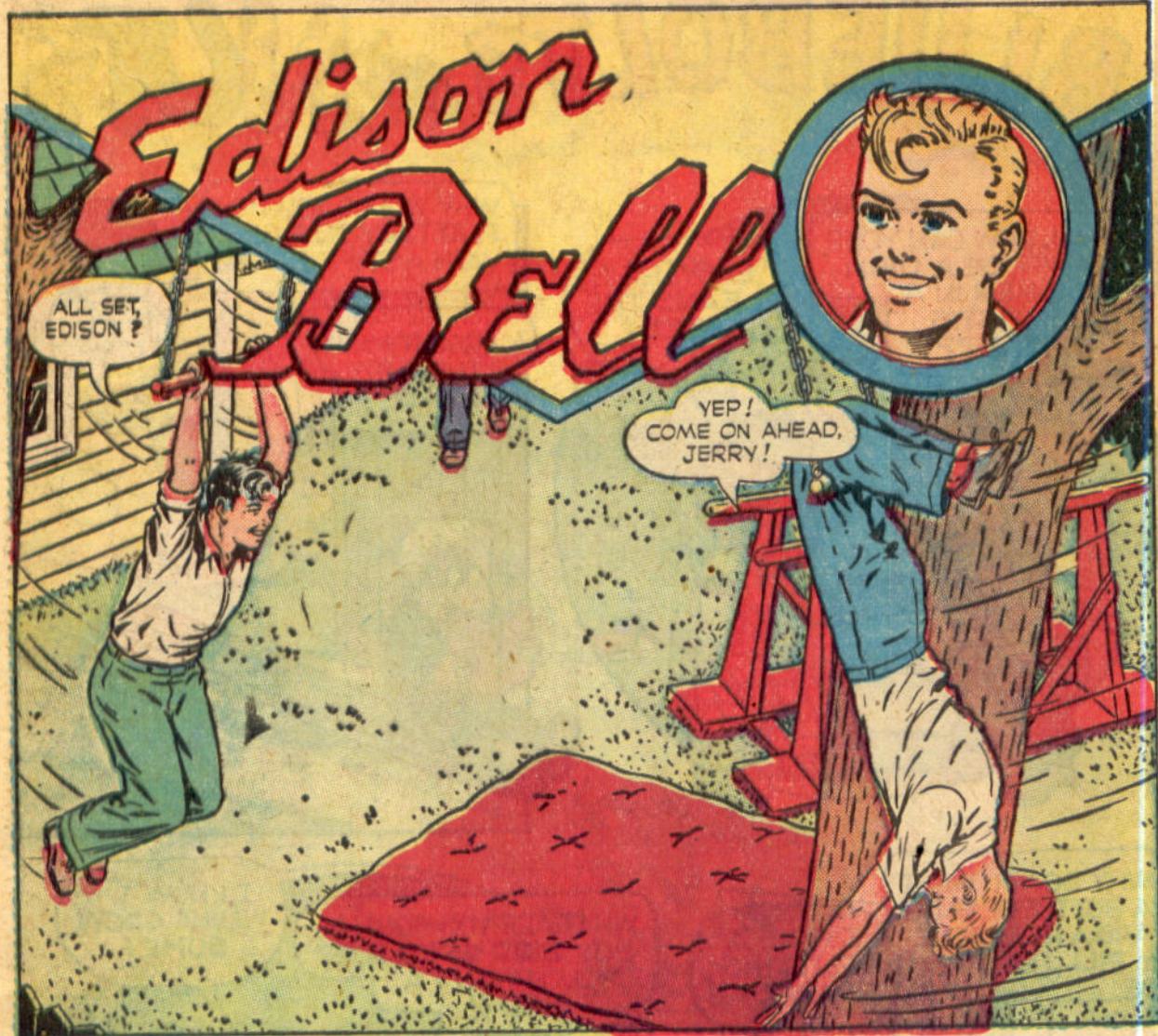
I've been reading BLUE BOLT ever since I was a little boy. I'm interested in sports and BLUE BOLT has the kind of sports I like. And most of all I like the way Dick Cole is so polite and such a good sport.

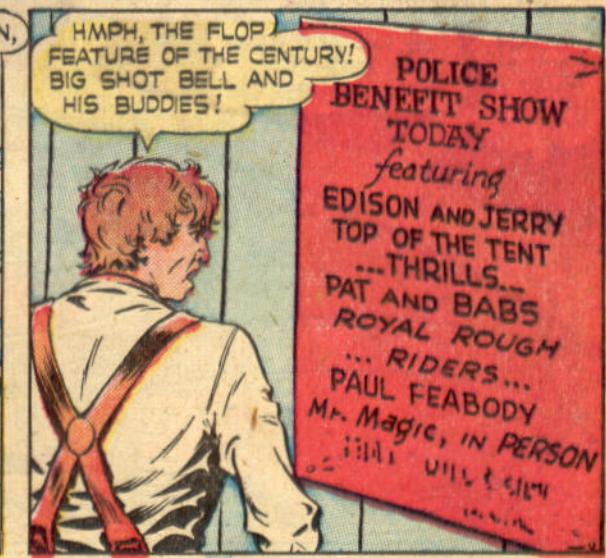
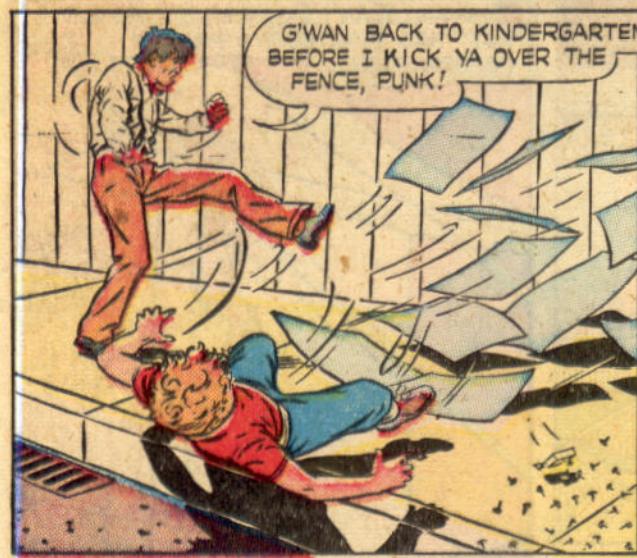
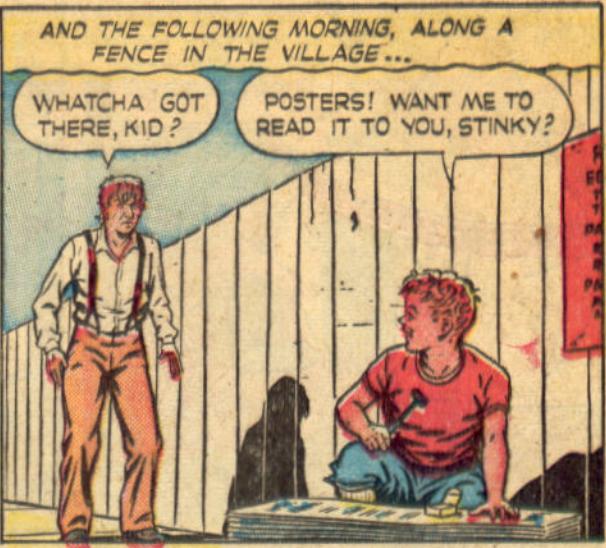
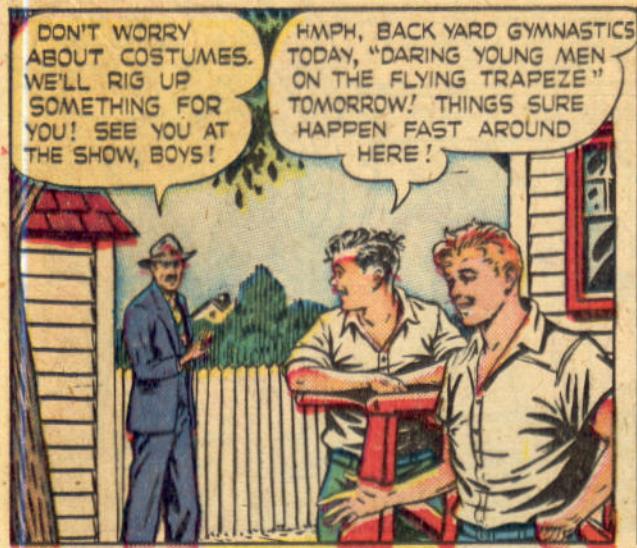
Yours truly,
Thomas Caradonna
Brooklyn 6, New York

BLUEBOLTS and NUTS

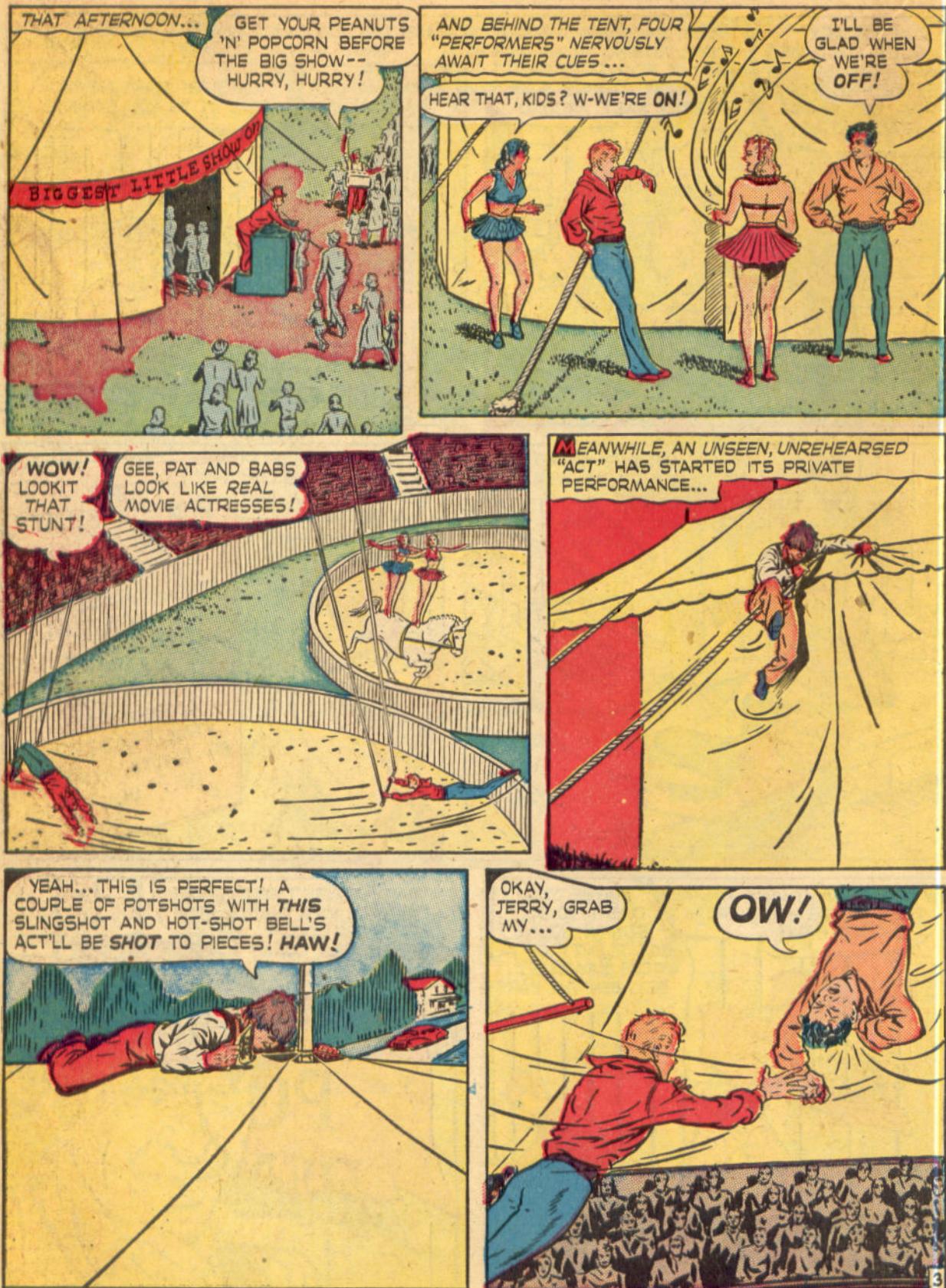


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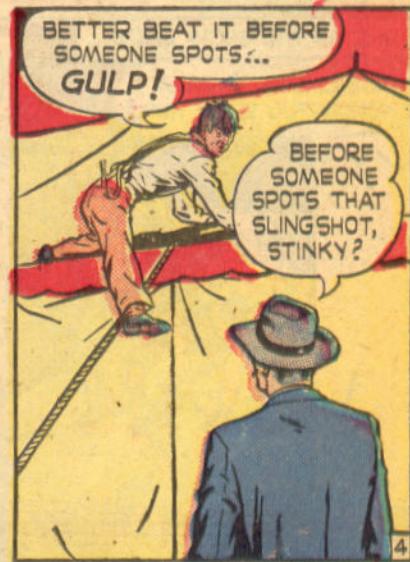
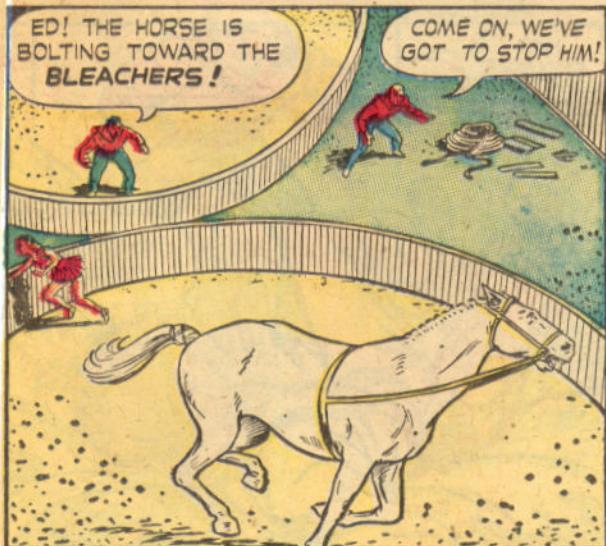
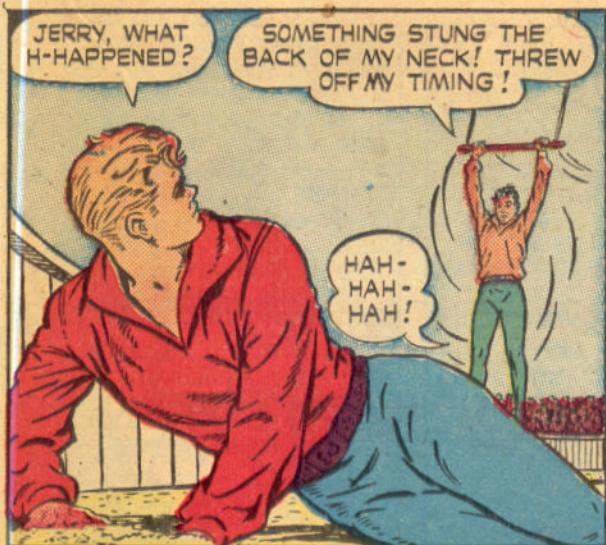




Q 5 What man, later President of the U.S., led the Rough Riders in the Battle of San Juan?



A 5 Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) led the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry into battle.





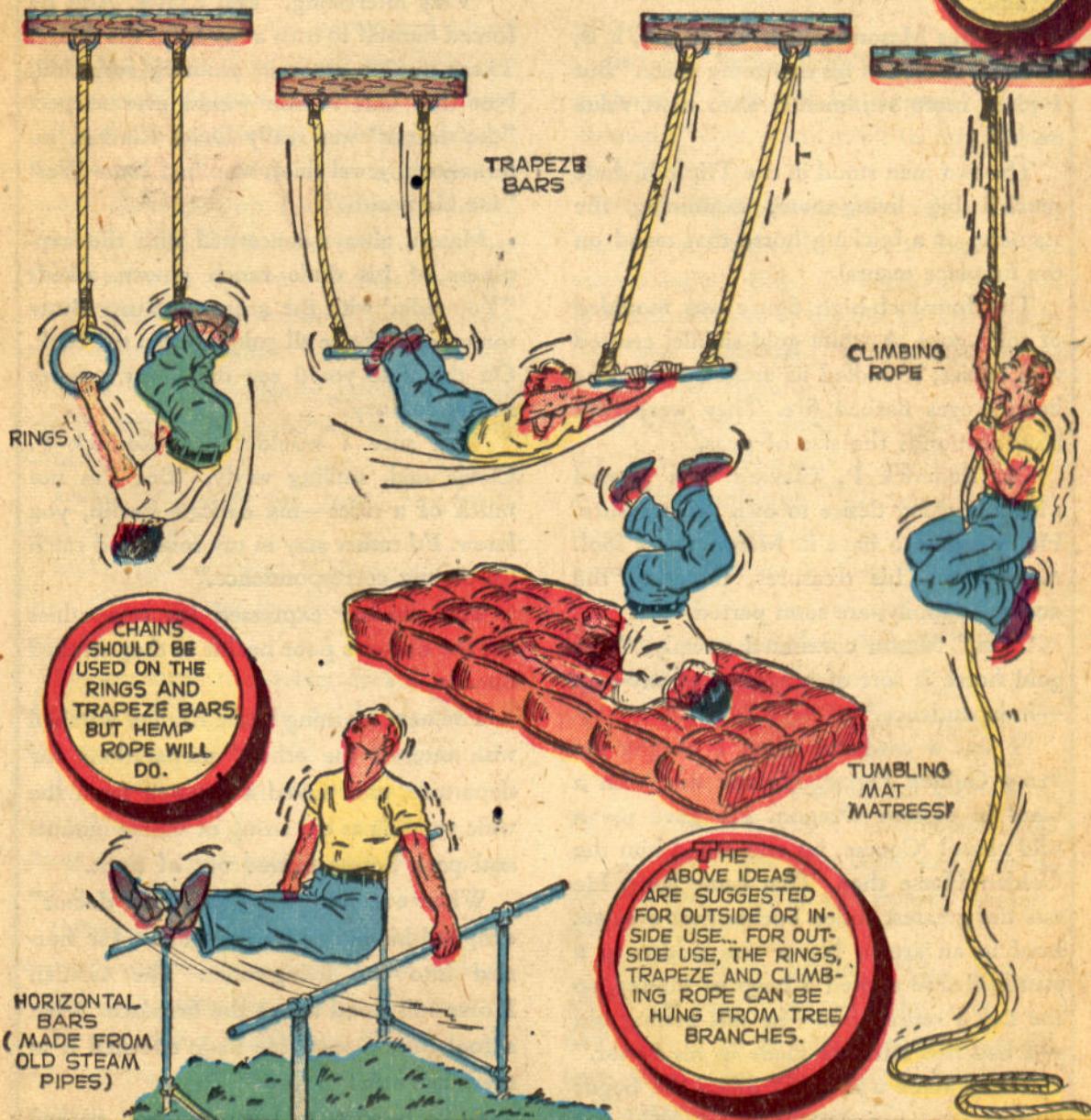
BUILD A SWELL BACK YARD

GYMNASIUM

FROM ODDS AND ENDS IN YOUR CELLAR OR ATTIC

USE YOUR OWN JUDGMENT AS TO THE SIZE OF THE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE STRAIN USUALLY APPLIED TO THESE APPARATUS, THE STRONGEST MATERIAL AVAILABLE SHOULD BE USED. HERE ARE A FEW MUSCLE BUILDERS YOU CAN MAKE...

BY
MARRY
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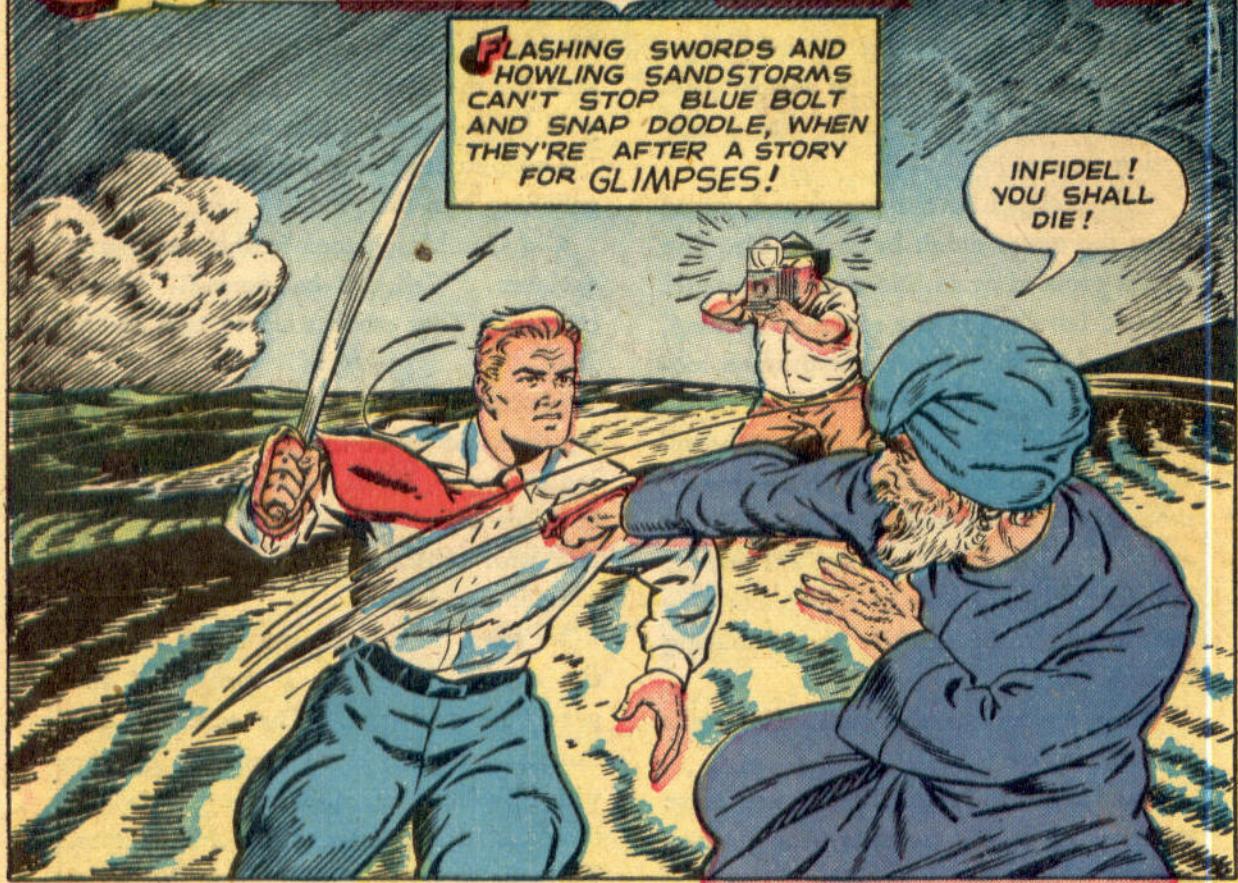


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THE AMERICAN

FLASHING SWORDS AND
HOWLING SANDSTORMS
CAN'T STOP BLUE BOLT
AND SNAP DOODLE, WHEN
THEY'RE AFTER A STORY
FOR GLIMPSES!

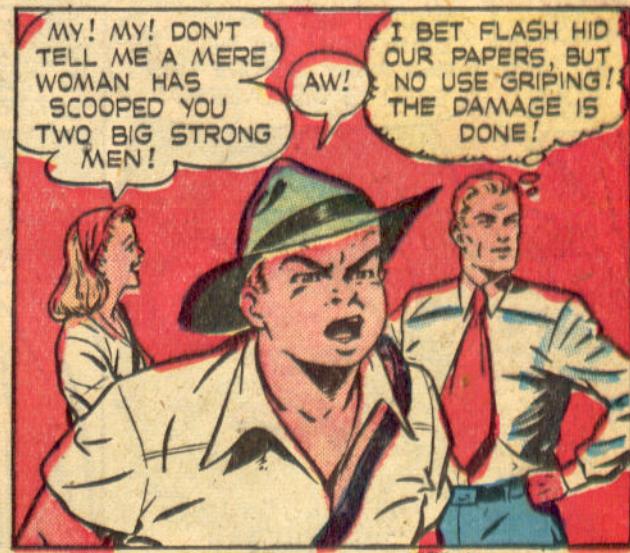
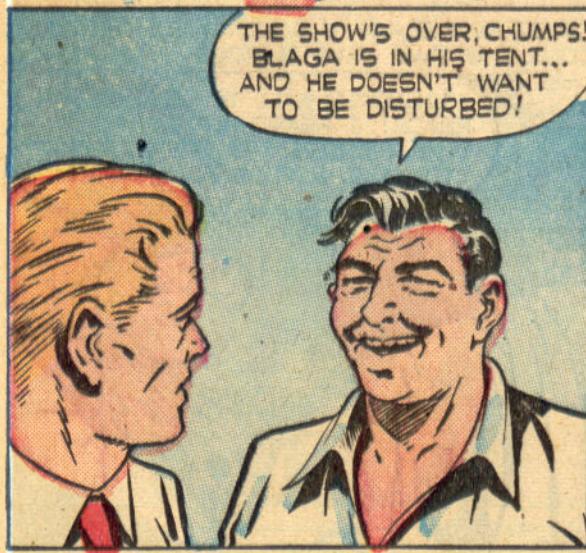
INFIDEL!
YOU SHALL
DIE!

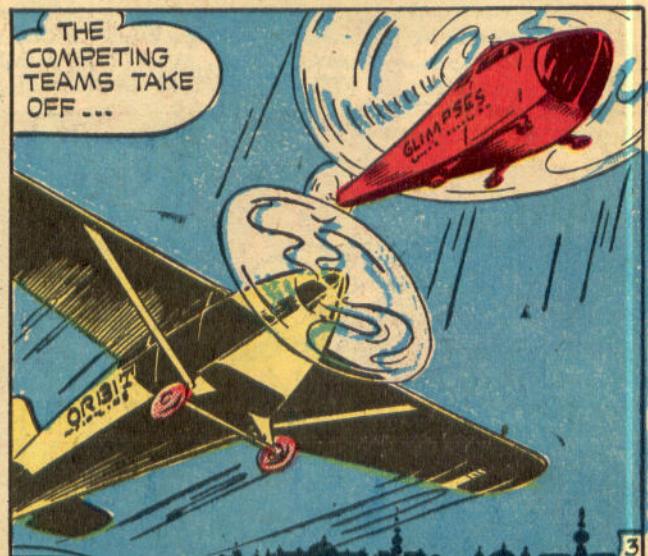
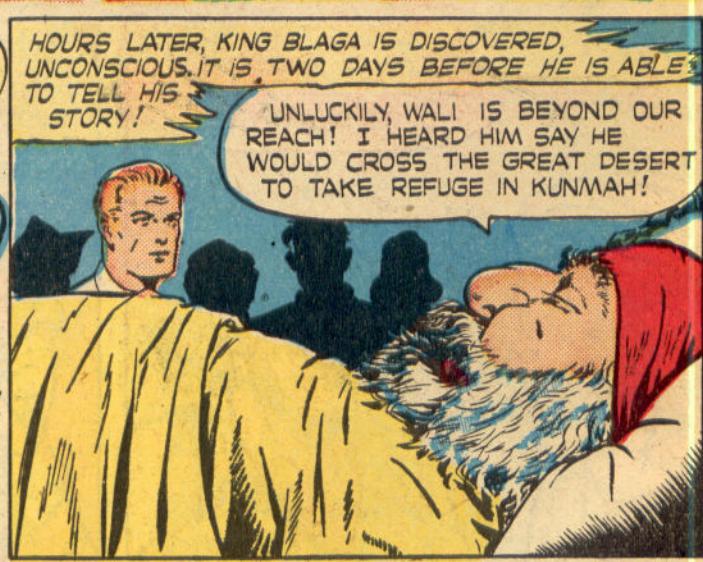


MARGE HESSLIN AND
FLASH PANN, PILOT-
PHOTOGRAPHER TEAM
FOR ORBIT MAGAZINE,
SNAP KING BLAGA OF
TABUZ, GETTING HIS
WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS
FROM LOYAL SUBJECTS.
BUT WHERE ARE
BLUE BOLT AND SNAP
DOODLE, THE GLIMPSES
MAGAZINE TEAM

I'M SO HAPPY, FLASH!
AT LEAST WE HAVE AN
EXCLUSIVE-- AND AFTER ALL
THE BRAGGING SNAP DID
BACK IN BOMBAY ABOUT
SCOOPING US!

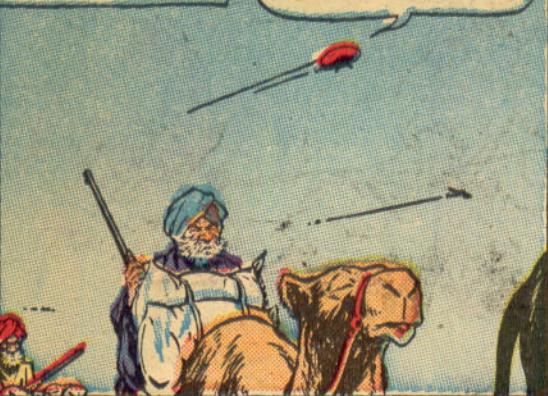




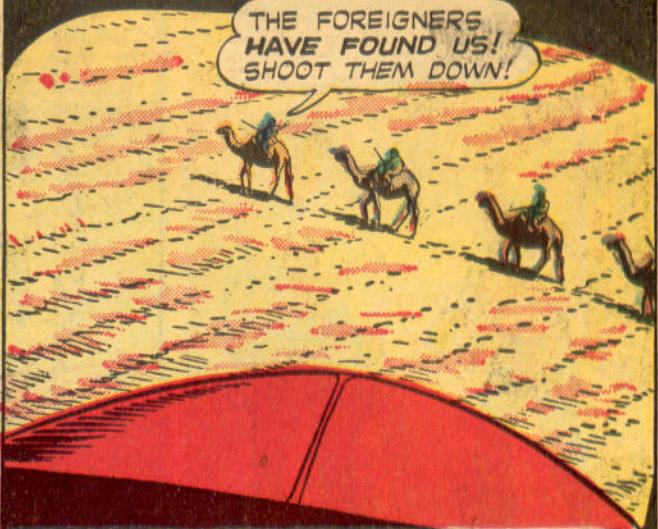


THE PLANES DRONE HOUR AFTER HOUR OVER THE VAST DESERT...

BOLT, THERE'S A CARAVAN! MAYBE IT'S WALI! GO DOWN FOR A LOOK!



THE FOREIGNERS HAVE FOUND US! SHOOT THEM DOWN!

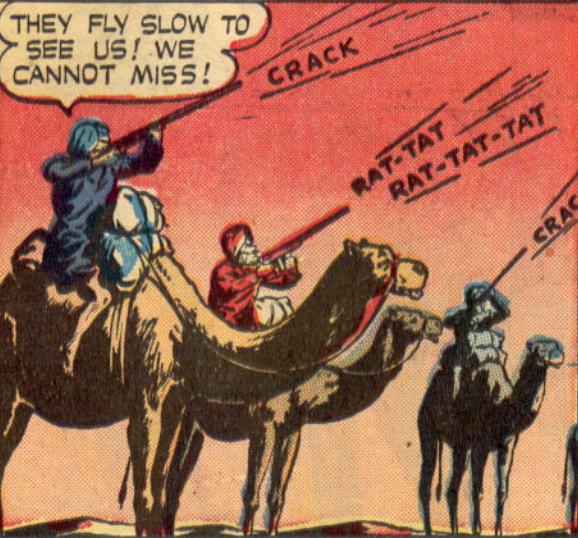


THEY FLY SLOW TO SEE US! WE CANNOT MISS!

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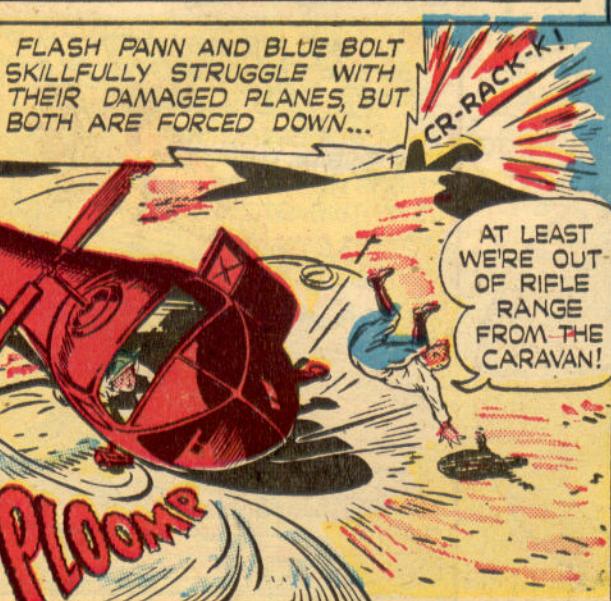
RAT-TAT
RAT-TAT-TAT

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FLASH PANN AND BLUE BOLT SKILLFULLY STRUGGLE WITH THEIR DAMAGED PLANES, BUT BOTH ARE FORCED DOWN...

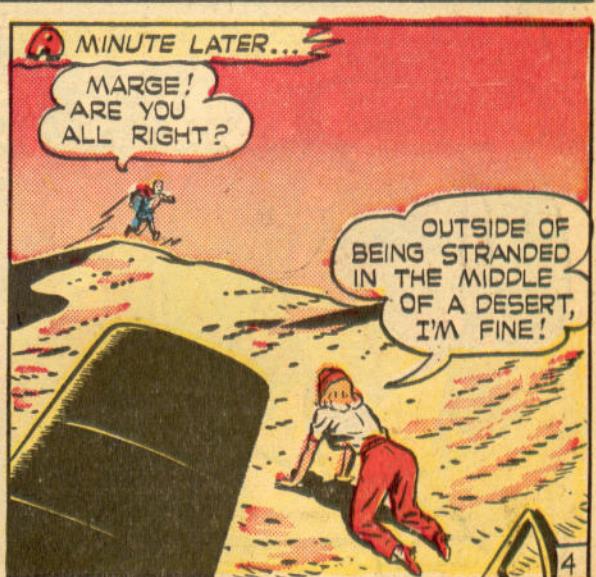
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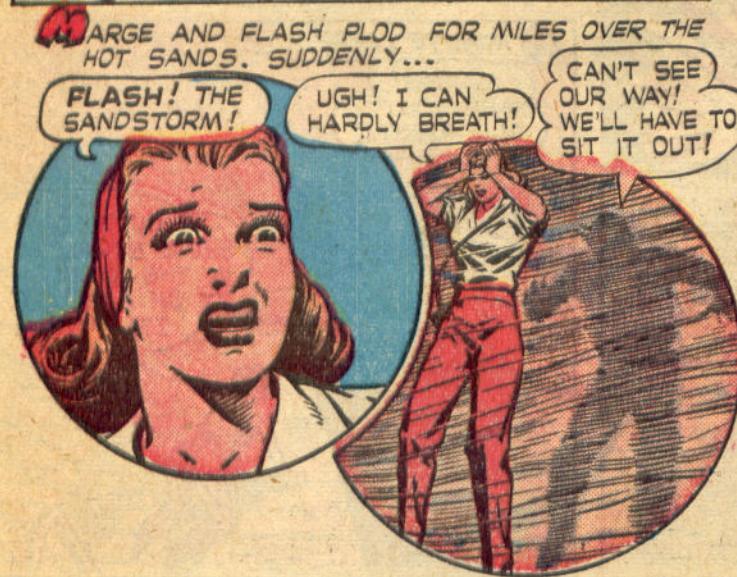
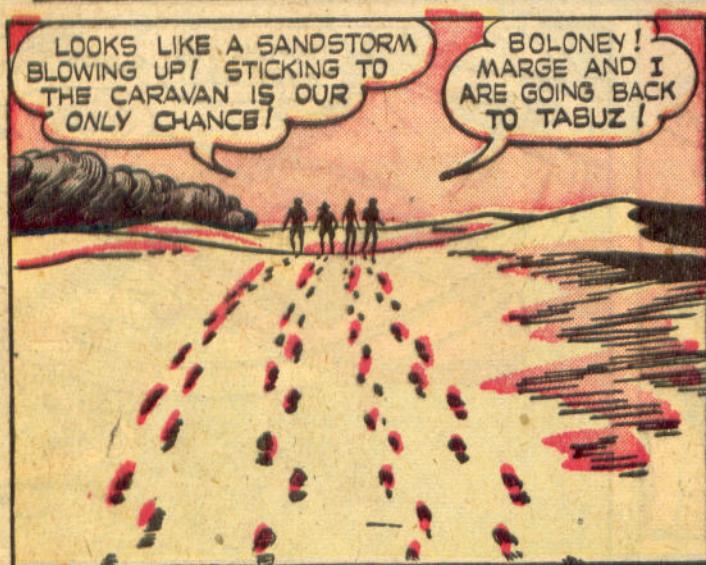
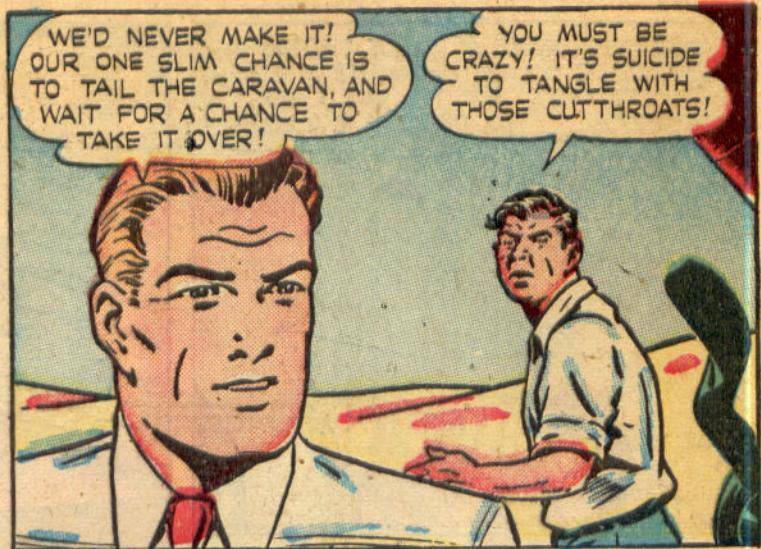


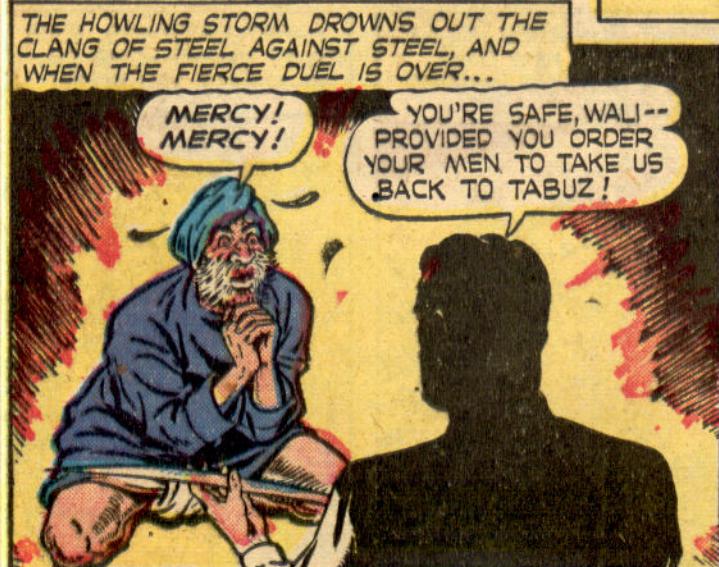
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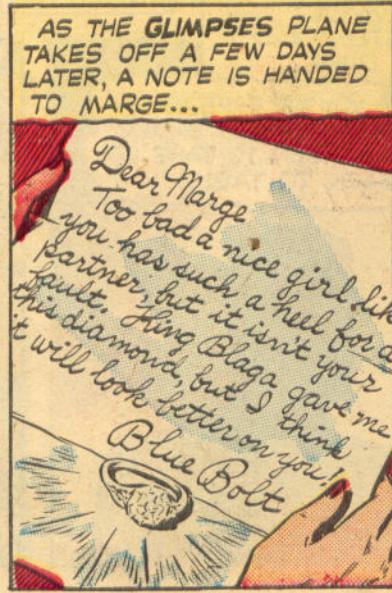
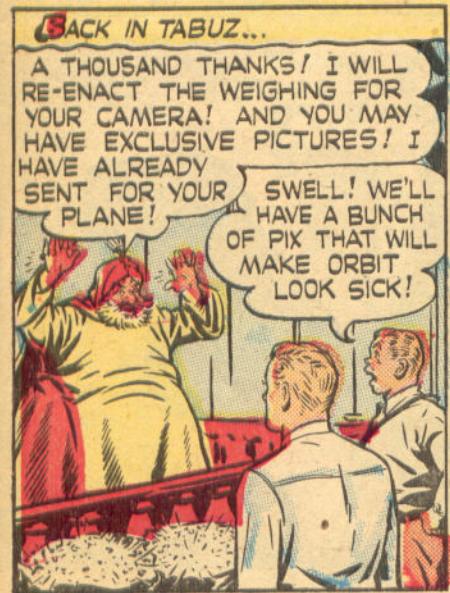
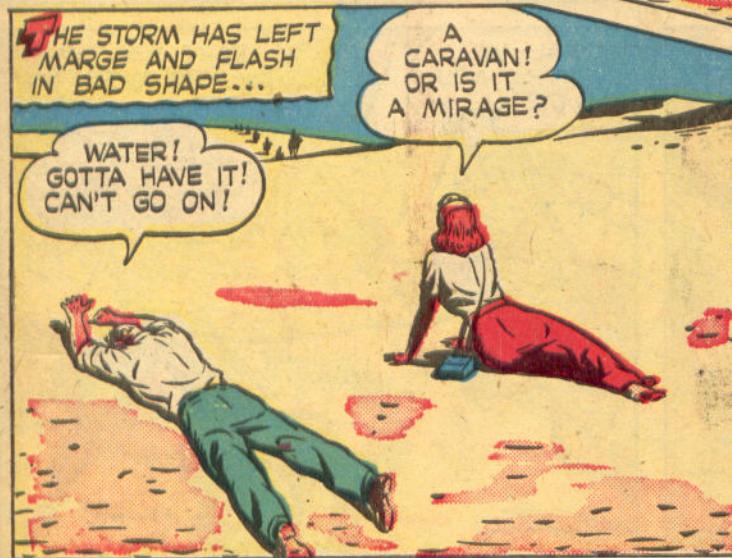
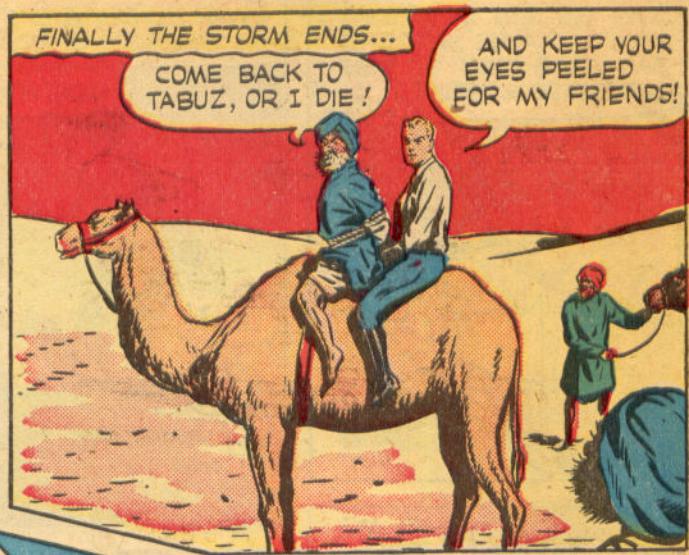
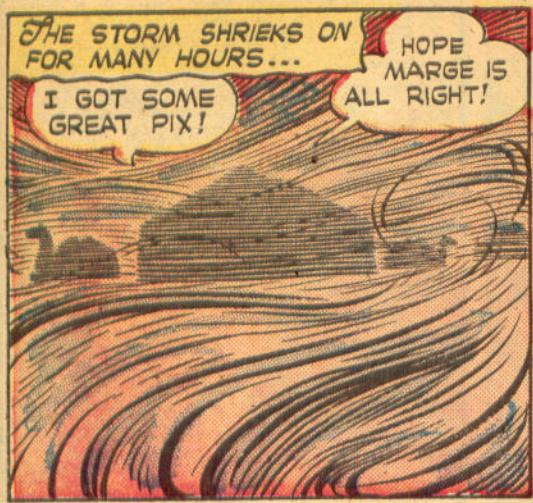
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